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## RACIST SCUM HERE

Racists and racist activities in and around Hamilton have not been given any attention other than the sensationalist view in the media. That has asked more questions, than it has answered. It has trivialized it to be nothing more than the act of young 'skinheads'. When in fact it goes much deeper. These boneheads are only the tip of the problem that has business connections (both locally and elsewhere), and racist organizations (provincially and elsewhere) behind them. As well, as isolated racist acts on the part of local businesses, unions & individuals. This is not a new problem locally, but it is getting old fast!

Although there is no reason to believe this is anything more than individual racist hiring methods. Majestic Sound Warehouse has (and does) hire(d) people based on the colour of their skin or cultural appearance. Especially against those of west or east indian backgrounds.

There is a small construction contracting company, that appears to be exclusively using known racist 'skinheads' and neo-nazi supporters. Unfortunatly the name of the company and it's financers (if there are any) is yet to be discovered. As well as the background of those who render the company's services.

In past and present boneheads have been organizing locally. Say What? Yes, they actually organized!-namely a group believed to be defunct Youth Action Comprised of local boneheads, they distributed white supremacist flyers and literature. If this is`nt scary enough, the bulk of the hate literature was distributed around area high schools, where unfortunatly some students have deemed bonehead culture as being "cool".

Many of these boneheads met regularly at a now shut down book shop the "History Buff". It closed down shortly after a police raid in 1989. The "History Buff" was known to carry nazi propaganda. The owner Jerry Newmann, who lived above the store allegedly was a member of the Nationalist Party of Canada (a right wing political party). The meetings were believed to take place on Tuesdays, under the name of the "Invisible Wall". Known members of these groups have definite connections with the Aryan Youth Movement (White Student Union), based in California. As well as the notorious W.A.R.(White Aryan Resistance), which now have started

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# STRIKE OVER

The Stelco strike of 1990 is over for some, but the effects still linger on for most of the workers. With more hard times coming up who can blame the workers for setting for what was offered. It's been 4 years since they have been given a raise and have watch 6,500 other workers go in 9 years. The tories have introduced GST, free trade and cut backs on social programs forcing workers and the poor look for help.

By going out on strike and shutting down Stelco was the only way to get that help and to show that it is a serious grievance. The capitalist are squeezing everything they can out of us. Unfortunately the union, as it was during the last strike, broke the unity by excepting deals at different times. Collective bargaining is the only way to get some change from pigs like Stelco management. Actually getting rid of the bosses is the way to create real change and is what we should strive for.

During the strike some trucks tried to cross picket lines at various warehouses. These warehouses were where Stelco was storing the processed steel to fill their orders. Therefore preventing the steel from leaving was depriving Stelco from it's only source of income. When the truck stopped the (scab) driver was punched and kicked and then chased a few hundred yards by screaming strikers to a coop. Compliments to the strikers who stopped and taught this scab a lesson.

The recall of workers is slow and hopefully enough will be back to work to allow the others to collect UI. We can all learn from the strike that the only way to win is through resistance which in turn needs support from the community. A big thanks goes to all those who supported the strikers and a big screw you goes out to the scabs driving the trucks, to Dofasco for forcing National Steel Car workers back by threatening a plant closure and to those who don't care.

Only through solidarity of all workers and other oppressed people can we organize towards a general strike and a worker controlled workplace benefiting the community. This is the only way we can finally rid ourselves of those who leach off our blood and sweat!

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# Whose Recession is it Anyway?

The basic economic policies of Mulroney's government cannot be changed until corporate capitalism is replaced as our dominant economic system, although the 30% rise in Canadian bankruptcies during the first half of 1990 is high even by capitalist standards and suggests that a cleverer administrator of these policies might be found. The capitalist countries are are firmly committed to creating a two-tier society in which the top tier will have access to all the comforts modern technology can bring, while the bottom tier faces abject misery. Instead of the old class system, admission to the top tier will be by degree of one's usefulness to the corporations.

Even social democratic regimes such as those of Mitterand and Hawke are going along with the two-tier system (welfare rates in Australia have just been substantially reduced), and no major political party in any industrial country is prepared to challenge the fiction that a country's health is measured by the growth of its economy. In Ontario, a new NDP regime is starting to realize that it can do little to help the growing number of poor because it has neither sought nor obtained a mandate to follow policies objectionable to big business. Corporate capital has become more powerful than any of the nation states whose policies originally allowed it to flourish, and only politicians willing to follow capital's dictates can expect sufficient campaign funds to make them serious contenders at election time.

Economic policy is basically decided by the governors of the national banks of ten industrial nations, meeting regularly in Basel. Basically, their policy is to maintain concentration of wealth by raising interest rates each time it appears that spending threatens to spread some money around. This is justified to the public on the grounds of fighting inflation and reducing public debt, although interest rate raising is itself inflationary and increases the amount of interest which must be paid on debts, including public ones. They have already crashed the economy once, in 1982, and are now preparing an even larger crash. Meanwhile, the various states are busily widening the gap between rich and poor by such methods as social service cutbacks, tax transfers from the rich to the poor (ie the GST, Britain's poll tax), "free trade," death squad operations in the third world, and encouraging corporate takeovers with their subsequent layoffs.

These policies are enforced on third world countries by the International Murder (Monetary) Fund, which makes capital available to their governments in proportion to their willingness to inflict suffering on their populace by reducing social programs. The IMF doesn't care if these governments use the money on development projects to help the rich or stash it in officials' Swiss bank accounts; the money's purpose is to put the country hopelessly in debt. The country can then be forced to export raw materials to the industrialists indefinitely, paying workers starvation wages and evicting peasants so their land can be turned to cash crop farming. The industrial countries give these governments all the military aid they need to keep the populace in line, often helping them establish death squads.

Like third world countries, Canada gains much of its income by sending raw materials abroad to be processed, and has recently been ordered by the IMF to reduce the peoples' living standards. Although most public criticism of Mulroney has focused on welfare reductions and the GST, some of his other policies may in the long run do even more harm. The elimination of what few barriers the Liberals had erected against foreign investment has led to over 800 foreign takeovers (capitalists love takeovers, which usually result in closing of marginal operations, hence less competition and in more unemployment, hence lower wages.) The artificially high Canadian dollar, which many suspect Mulroney secretly agreed to as part of the price of his "free trade" deal, prevents Canadian firms by making signifigant sales abroad. And Mulroney's concentration of economic power in the hands of the six national banks (by allowing them to buy up the investment brokerage houses, and now to sell insurance) makes it easier for Crow and the Basel mafia to tighten the economic screws against small business and the public.

Although space limitations have necessitated over simplifications, this is basically how our economy works. The best way lower-income people could survive this era of unrestrained capitalism would be to create extensive networks of cooperative enterprises. These would supply members with the necessities, though not with some of the luxuries which capitalism has taught us to crave. Until they learn to function cooperatively—and anarchists could set valuable examples—the people will remain at the mercy of a system indifferent to their destruction.

chapters in Montreal & Ottawa!! These individuals are also known to be in contact with various Ku Klux Klan chapters in the USA.

Although Youth Action photocopied their flyers, they were also known to be in contact with Samisdat Publishers Ltd. of Toronto. Among one of a few contacts there, was Ernst Zundal, who was on trial for the publishing of material telling of the "Great Jewish Conspiracy!

Political Violence; Although Hamilton boneheads have rarely orchestrated violence on behalf of their beliefs, but on May 1st 1988 they attacked a small Communist May Day rally. Recently they defaced a Jewish Cemetery, and an East Indian target on the moutain. There are individuals supected in these attacks, and once confirmed their names etc. will be in a future issue.

More recently we have caught wind of plans for an A.R.M. (Aryan Resistance Movement) chapter starting up in this area. THIS IS TO BE TAKEN AS A THREAT!! Since suspected members are not only racist boneheads but members of Hamilton's Militia (meaning combat & weapons trained). This could explain why area boneheads are once again shining their boots and shaving their heads after months of hibernation.

Resistance; In Hamilton there have been sporadic attacks against boneheads by area gangs. We do not condone gang violence as a whole, however we encourage action(s) against this racist menace! Eventhough Hamilton does not have an anti-racist movement (yet), we should begin to organize against the racists here in Hamilton and celibrate our cultural differences. "BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!" -Malcolm X:1965.

A squat in Vancouver was busted on Nov. 27. Over 80 combat ready cops arrested several squatters. A few 100 people from the poor community around the squat protested the bust. The squat was an inspiration to all those who believe that HOMELESS DOES NOT MEAN HELPLESS. more next time

# FAT CAT

Bill Kempling a MP for a Burlington riding has been eating his own words lately and by the looks of this obese rich pig there's not many more words he could eat. First of all he steals a fake stuffed pig representing Brian Mulroney and a placard and tosses them into the garbage. A week later he goes on to blame the Oka standoff on the Mohawks. Stating that the tory government has done more for natives than any other Canadian government. He went on to say that the conditions on reserves have been exaggerated and that he knows native millionaires. Maybe there are a couple of native millionaires well what the hell does that have to do with the rest of the native populations conditions. A woman from the Six Nations invited him to speak to native people in response to his comments. Kempling never responded even after she offered to come to Burlington and speak in front of a group a high school students to debate the issue. We all know that there are a few millionaires of every race in Canada so I guess that the homeless and poor people's complaints are invalid. Well you're wrong Bill.